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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 29, 2000

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC000027

For approval of its Tariff  
Filing to Introduce Collocation  
Service

ORDER ACCEPTING COLLOCATION SERVICE TARIFF ON INTERIM BASIS AND  
OPENING INVESTIGATION

On February 4, 2000, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South" or "the Company") filed with the Commission's Division of Communications a proposed tariff to introduce Collocation service ("Collocation tariff").<sup>1</sup> The proposed effective date is March 5, 2000. On February 22, 2000, the Commission's Staff ("the Staff") filed its Motion to Accept Tariff on Interim Basis and to Open Investigation. Upon reviewing the proposed tariff filing by GTE South, the Staff's motion, and the applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that the Staff motion should be granted.

We find that the Collocation tariff should be permitted to go into effect on an interim basis, with rates and terms subject to refund and/or modification, and we will request comments from

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<sup>1</sup> The tariff filing is identified as "Facilities For Intrastate Access, Section 19" (pages 1-53).

the Company and interested parties on various matters relating to the tariff.

GTE South and any interested party participating in this proceeding should comment on the following:

- Whether GTE South's Collocation tariff complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") and the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") "Advanced Services Order".<sup>2</sup>
- Whether GTE South's Collocation tariff, reviewed outside of an arbitration proceeding initiated under § 252 of the Act (as in this investigation), must or should comply with the Act and the FCC requirements.
- If the Collocation tariff must or should comply with the Act and FCC requirements, how should rates be addressed? Should the Commission review the proposed rates on a stand alone basis in this proceeding or should they be brought forth in a future arbitration request and/or a GTE South pricing case for unbundled network elements?
- Whether the terms and conditions of the Collocation tariff should be addressed by the Collaborative Committee.<sup>3</sup>

We further encourage interested parties to identify any prices, terms and/or conditions of the Collocation tariff to

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<sup>2</sup> First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 99-48. In re: Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147 (March 31, 1999).

<sup>3</sup> The Collaborative Committee will be established pursuant to the Commission's Order of November 29, 1999, in Case No. PUC000026.

which they object and suggest alternative tariff language in their comments as they deem appropriate. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC000027;

(2) GTE South's Collocation tariff (Facilities For Intrastate Access, Section 19, pages 1-53) is approved for implementation on an interim basis, subject to refunds of collocation charges and/or modifications in collocation terms and conditions, effective March 5, 2000;

(3) GTE shall promptly furnish a copy of its proposed Collocation tariff to any person requesting a copy. Requests should be directed to: Stephen C. Spencer, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs, GTE Service Corporation, Three James Center, Suite 1200, 1051 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219;

(4) On or before April 3, 2000, GTE South shall file comments on the issues identified in this Order.

(5) On or before April 3, 2000, any interested party is granted leave to file comments and a request for hearing on GTE South's Collocation tariff and the issues identified in this Order. Any request for hearing shall provide an explanation of why the issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.